Policy to maintain proper standards of Higher Education

2527. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the policy of Government is to maintain proper standards of higher education to have uniform emoluments, service conditions, etc., for teaching staff throughout the country and to see that State Governments carry out the instructions issued to them in this regard;

(b) whether Government of Orissa has persistently failed to cooperative in this respect; and

(c) whether the Central Government would take the required steps to remove the discrepancy created because of Orissa Government so as to contain the raising discontent in the teaching community in the State?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Central Government formulated a Scheme of revision of pay scales of teachers in universities and colleges and other measures for the maintenance of standards of higher education in June, 1987, State Governments were requested to implement the scheme, after taking local conditions into consideration, subject to certain prescribed terms and conditions.

(b) and (c) The Government of Orissa formulated a Scheme for revision of pay scales of University and College teachers under the administrative control of the State Government. The Central Government provided Rs. 31.09 Crores to the State Government for its implementation.

Since the Scheme was prepared and implemented by the State Government for the teachers in the State it is for the State Government to take remedial action wherever necessary.

Admission in JNU

2528. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all seats for admission to M.Tech/Ph. D./M. Phil. Courses in JNU for the year 1995-96 have not been filled up by those who have been declared successful in the Entrance Examination;

(b) if so, the number of vacant seats still to be filled up;

(c) whether it is a fact that no waiting list for the purpose has been declared; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor, and what steps are proposed to be taken to see that such vacant seats in these courses are filled up by those who are waitlisted?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA): (a) to (d) According to the information furnished by the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), admissions to various programmes of study including M.Phil/ Ph.D. are made on the basis of the Entrance Examination conducted by the University throughout the country. The number of seats offered for admission are based on the averages of the last three years offers and intake in each programmes. Lists are released in 'one go' with a view to ensuring that the intake capacity for each programme is filled up to the extent feasible.

During the current academic year 713 candidates were offered admission against the intake of 512 for M. Phil/Ph. D/M. Tech. /MCH programmes. Out of them, 512 candidates have deposited their fees for taking admission before the due date i.e. 14th August, 1995. On the whole, therefore, there can not said to be any vacancies.

Allotment of Land for M/s Shoes East for Construction of a Hotel

2529. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that HUDCO has given land to M/s M.S. Shoes East for

Construction of a hotel at Andrewsgunj; if so, the details of the terms and conditions;

(b) the amount paid by the firm alongwith the amount it owes to HUDCO;

(c) whether the company has defaulted in the past;

(d) whether HUDCO is planning to cancel the allotment; if so, by when and if not, the steps being taken to recover the amount with panel interest; and

(e) whether M/s M.S. Shoes East is planning to sell the prime land; if so, the steps being taken to prevent such a sale?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYEMNT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The hotel site was allotted to M/s Shoes East Ltd. on 31.10.94 by HUDCO on the basis of open competitive bids. As per terms and conditions of allotment the first instalment representing 40% of bid money amounting to Rs. 25.64 crores was payable within four weeks. This amount has been paid by the party along with penal interest. The remaining amount representing 30% is payable on or before 31.10.95 and 31.10.96 as 2nd & final instalments.

(c) and (d) The company has not defaulted so far on payment of dues on account of hotel site. However, action for cancellation was initiated by HUDCO on account of default by this company on payment towards other facilities. The matter is *sub judice* and *status quo* continues till the next date of hearing before Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, i.e. 10.10.95.

(e) In this regard nothing has come to the notice of the Govt. However, the party cannot sell, transfer, assign or otherwise part with the possession without prior permission of the lessor/ HUDCO.

Differences on the foodgrains Production Targets

2530. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there appears to be any difference in fixing the targets of foodgrain production during the Eighth Plan between the Planning Commission and the Ministry of Agriculture;

(b) if so, the grounds of differences; whether any reconciliation has been reached on the targets of foodgrains production; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c) There is no difference in foodgrain production targets during the Eighth Plan between the Planning Commission and the Ministry of Agriculture.

Lack of Funds for Research in Urban Planning and Mapping

2531. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that no funds have been provided for Research in Urban and Regional Planning and Urban Mapping in spite of the fact that the Eighth Plan had proposed Rupees 40 crores; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken to provide adequate funds for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) Funds have been provided for Research in Urban and Regional Planning and Urban Mapping on year to year basis.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in Educated Unemployed

2532. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of educated unemployed youths in urban areas has increased in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether in view of the economic liberalization Government propose to take up the matter with private sector to create further employment opportunities; and